

REMARKS

Claims 20 – 23 have been canceled without prejudice in this paper. After entry of this amendment, claims 1 – 19 are pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The examiner rejected claims 20 – 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,817,588 (Bledsoe). Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection. However, applicant has canceled claims 20 – 23.

The examiner rejected claims 21 – 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bledsoe in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,814,000 (Kilbey). Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection. However, applicant has canceled claims 21 – 23.

The examiner has allowed claims 1 – 19. Applicant is grateful for the allowance of those remaining claims. Applicant urges the examiner to pass the present application on to issuance, and to call the undersigned to resolve any remaining matters if any.

Respectfully submitted,

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